

*"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY"* 

# Sewerage & Water Board of New ORLEANS

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The Finance and Administration Committee met on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, via Microsoft Teams. The meeting convened at approximately 9:00 A.M.

## 1. ROLL CALL

## **Present:** Director Lynes Sloss Director Joseph Peychaud Director Janet Howard Director Ralph Johnson

Director Alejandra Guzman

#### Absent:

#### 2. CASH FLOW OVERVIEW

Mr. Grey Lewis, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the Preliminary December financials and cash flow situation at the SWB, as it is critical that the SWB maintain sufficient cash flow levels to continue operations, and meet bond covenant requirements. The 2021 water and sewer cash levels are above 2020 levels at the end of December, however there are additional operating expenses relative to 2021 due to hurricane IDA and additional delinquent accounts attributable to the COVID pandemic. The F&A committee received an update on the resumption of normal collections which has increased customer service activities due to disconnect notices and additional follow up for payment. Management continues to strive to reduce expenses and manage cash to meet all financial requirements as well increasing collection activities for past due customers while maintaining an overall consistently applied policy for customers. Currently, we are on track to meet Days Cash on Hand and the Debt Service Coverage Requirements and management is planning for the year end audit which will begin in March and conclude by the legislative deadline of June 30 for the 12/31/2021 fiscal year end.

## **GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

## CONTRACT AWARDS/RENEWALS

- Resolution (R-018-2022) Award of Contract 30228 Mid-City Basin No. 2 Sewer Rehabilitation Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Fleming Construction Company, LLC.
- Resolution (R-020-2022) Award of Contract 2158 Water Main Point Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at Various Sites Throughout Orleans Parish Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace C. Drennan, LLC.
- Resolution (R-021-2022) Award of Contract 2159 Water Main Point Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at Various Sites Throughout Orleans Parish Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Boh Bros Construction Co., LLC.
- Resolution (R-026-2022) Award of Contract 8166 Repaving Open Cuts in Streets, Driveways, and sidewalks resulting from the Repair of Underground Utilities Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace C. Drennan., LLC.
  - Director Janet Howard moved to accept Contract Awards/Renewals. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

#### CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS

- Resolution (R-004-2022) Ratification of Change Order No. 5 for Contract 1370A 60Hz Transformers and Switchgear between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Walter J. Barnes Electric Co., Inc.
- Resolution (R-025-2022) Ratification of Change Order No. 6 for Contract 1377 Water Hammer Hazard Mitigation Program – Claiborne Ave Pumping Station and Off-Site Improvements between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and M.R. Pittman Group, LLC
- Resolution (R-024-2022) Ratification of Change Order 7 for Contract 1403 Demolition of Abandoned C7 & C8 Basins and Other Site Improvements at the Carrollton Water Treatment Plant between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Cycle Construction Company, LLC
  - Director Ralph Johnson moved to accept Contract Change Orders. Director Janet Howard seconded. The motion carried.

- Resolution (R-002-2022) Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Contract 1417 Static Frequency Converter Procurement Project between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Walter J. Barnes Electric Co., Inc.
  - Director Ralph Johnson moved to accept R-002-2022. Director Janet Howard seconded. The motion carried.

## CONTRACT ADMENDMENTS

- Resolution (R-019-2022) Ratification of Amendment 1 for Emergency Contract 6266

   Turbine No. 5 Control System Upgrades between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Nexus Controls, LLC
- Resolution (R-022-2022) Authorization of Amendment No. 9 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Lindfield, Hunter& Junius, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the 12" Waterline Replacement at the Algiers Lock Forebay
- Resolution (R-023-2022) Authorization of Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Hartman Engineering, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Main Replacement Program
  - Director Ralph Johnson moved to accept Contract Amendments. Director Janet Howard seconded. The motion carried.

## 3. INFORMATION ITEMS -

The information items were received.

# 4. PUBLIC COMMENT -

None.

# 5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynes Sloss, Chair